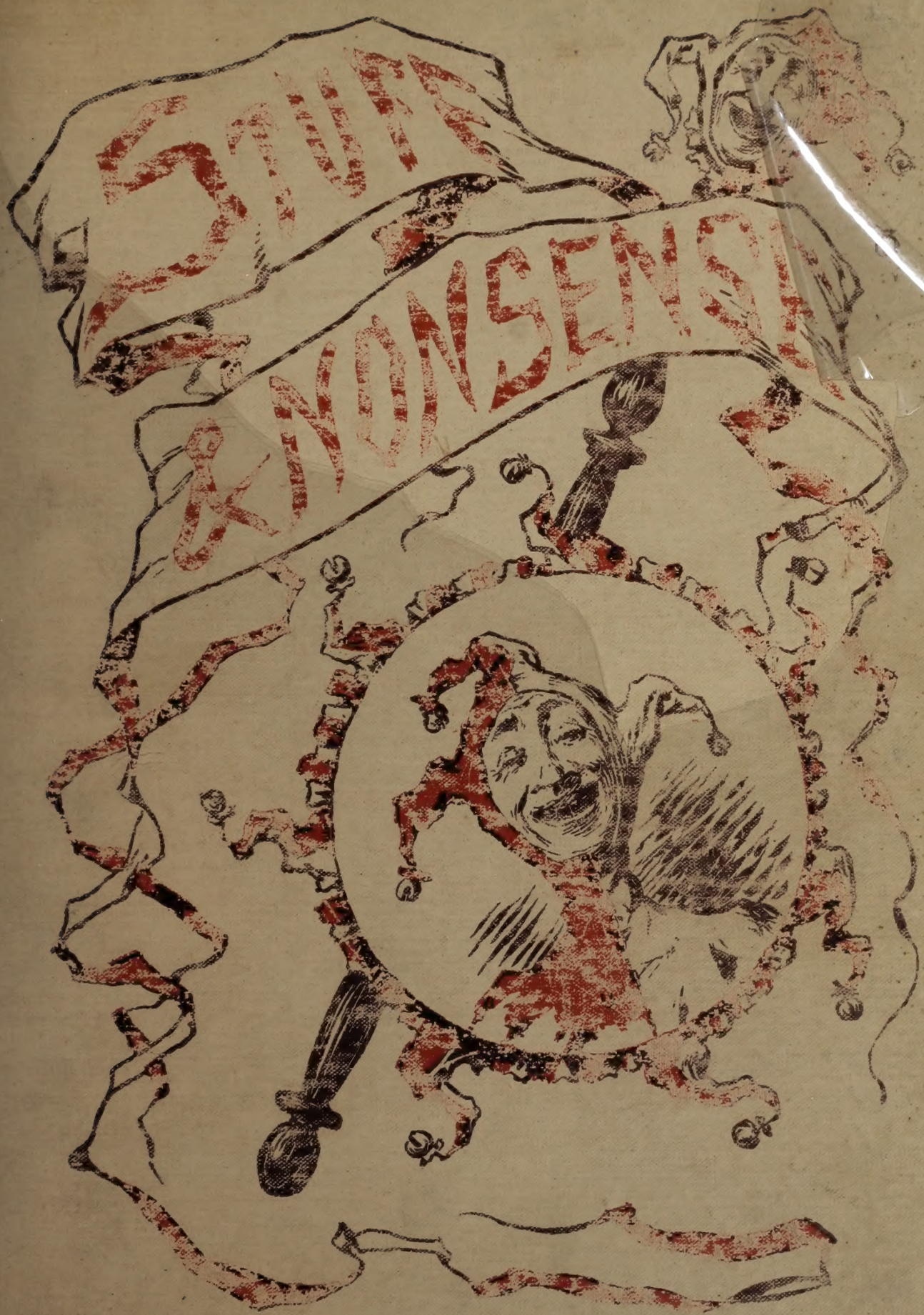
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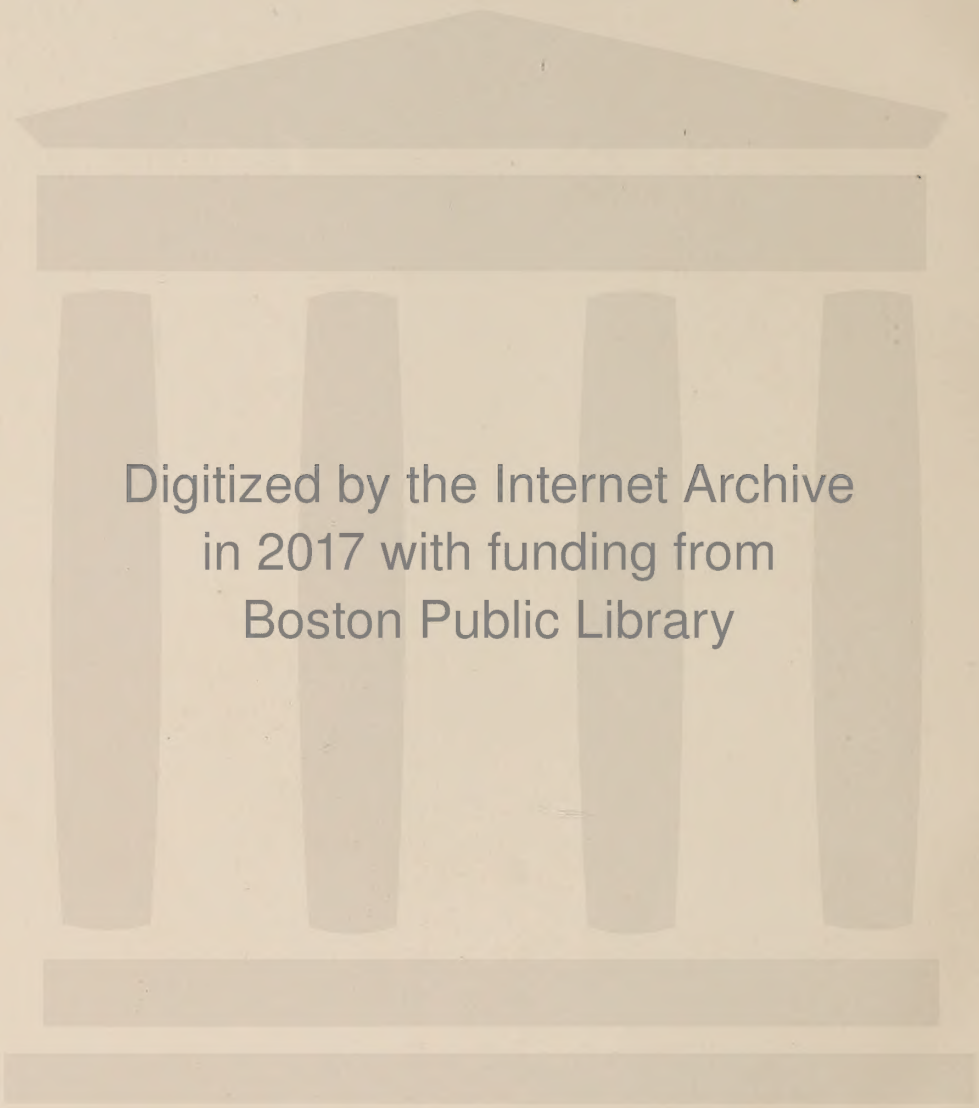
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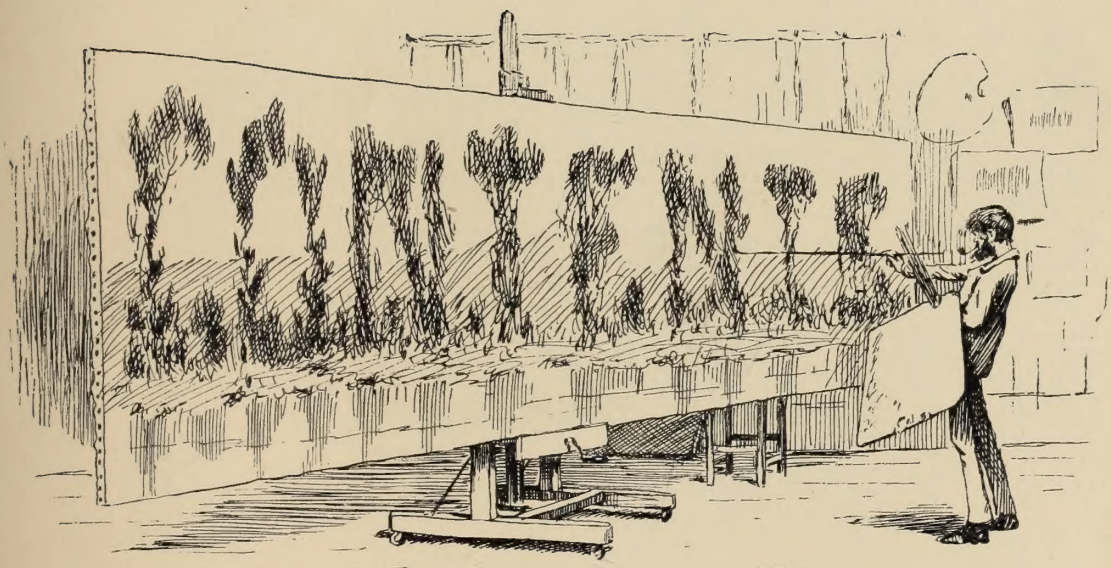

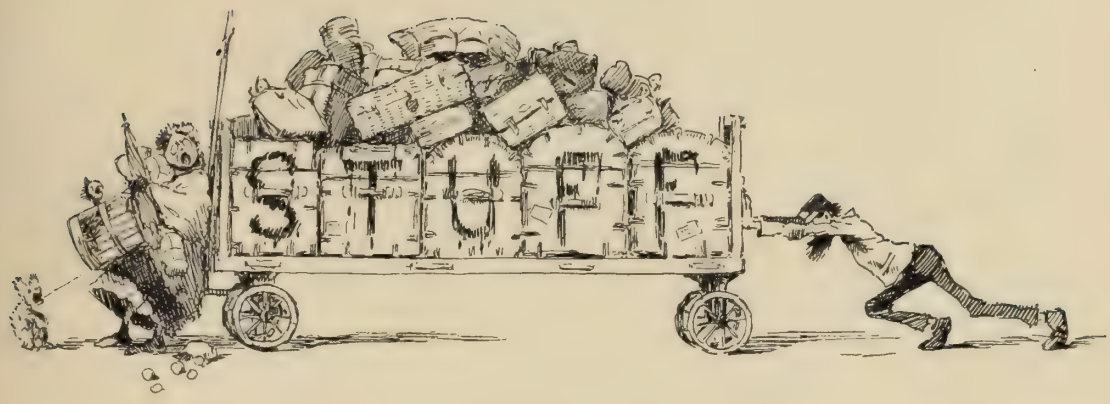

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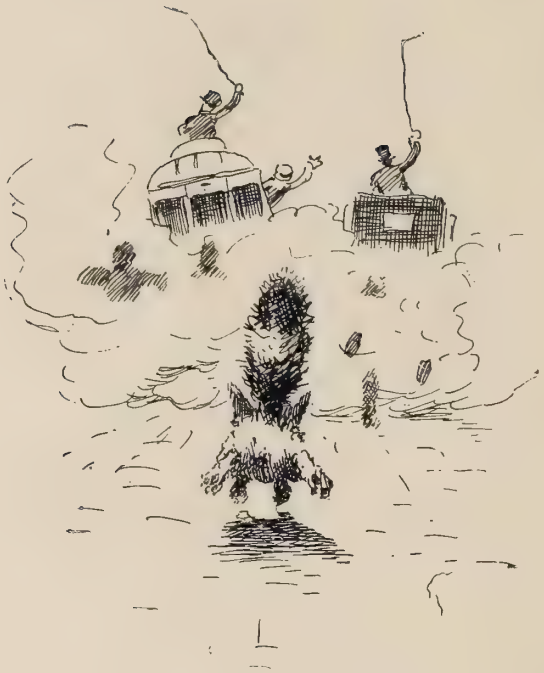


Said · this · Arab · boy · Really · now · why ·
Should · my · elephant · share · in · my · pie."
And · the · quadruped · thought ·
It · was · time · he · was · taught ·
So · proceeded · to · knock · him · sky · high ·

There · was · an · old · chap · in · Moriches ·
Who · put · patches · of · tin · on · his · breeches ·
When · asked · why · this · was ·
He · replied · "Oh · because ·
There · pretty · sides · which · it · saves · stitches ·"

This · man · with · a · shiny · bald · head ·
Took · his · paper · and · quietly · read ·
Till · a · bee · with · a · sting ·
At · his · scalp · took · a · fling ·
When · he · said · things · much · better · unsaid ·

"Dear me," Quoth this mule, "what's that crack?"
'Twas a cracker the first of a pack.
Since the second and third
And the others were heard
The critter has never come back.

This man in an amateur way
Went to taming a monkey one day.
"It is kindness," said he,
"That subdues it you see."
But they didn't perceive it they say.

Bobby · stole · of · green · apples · a · quart
By the · owner · thereof · he · was · sought ·
Those · green · apples · he · ate ·
And · he · wished · ah: · too · late ·
That · when · chased · by · that · man · he'd · been · caught ·

There · was · a · musician · from · Brette ·
And · all · night · he · would · play · the · cornet ·
The · boarders · they · stood ·
All · they · possibly · could ·
But · one · morning · he · left · there · "you · bet!"

e· Aesthete·

Ye· Boy·

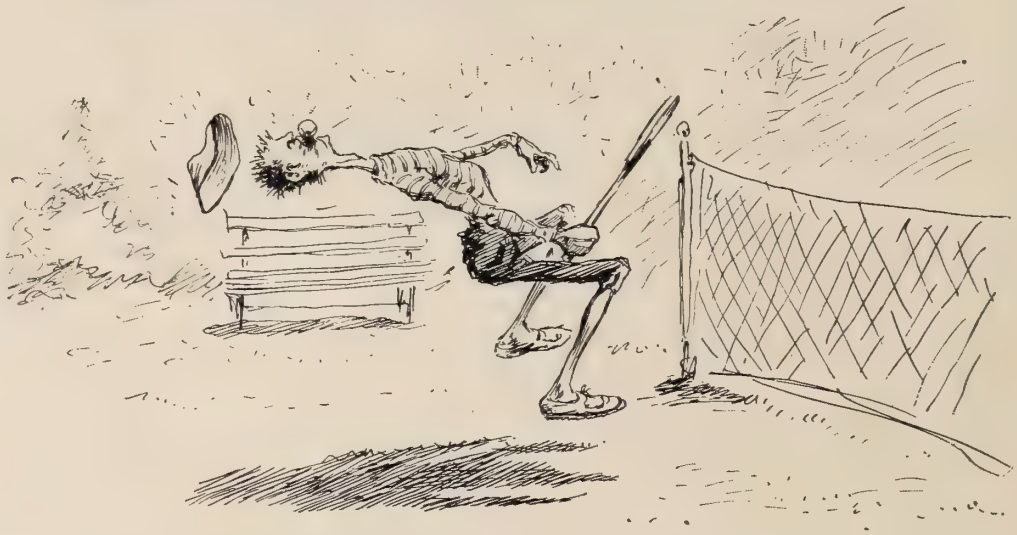
&

Ye· Bullfrog·

TO BOSTON!
10 MILES

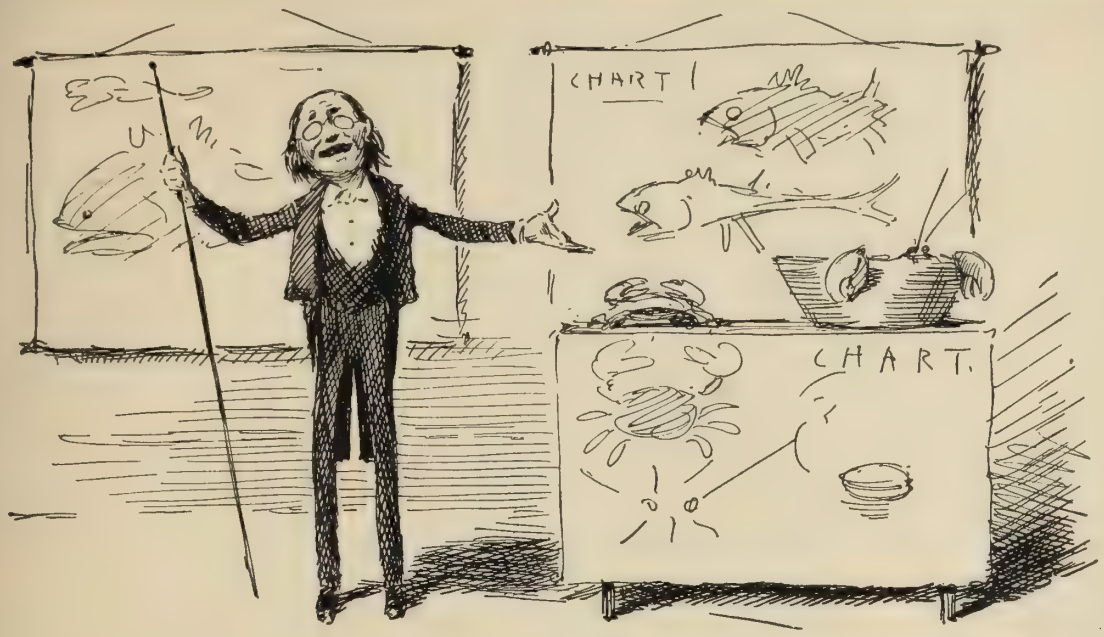
TO BOSTON
15 MILES

This young lady feels confident that
Her lawn tennis reduces her fat.
But she always will play
In a violent way
And she knocks what she hits very flat:

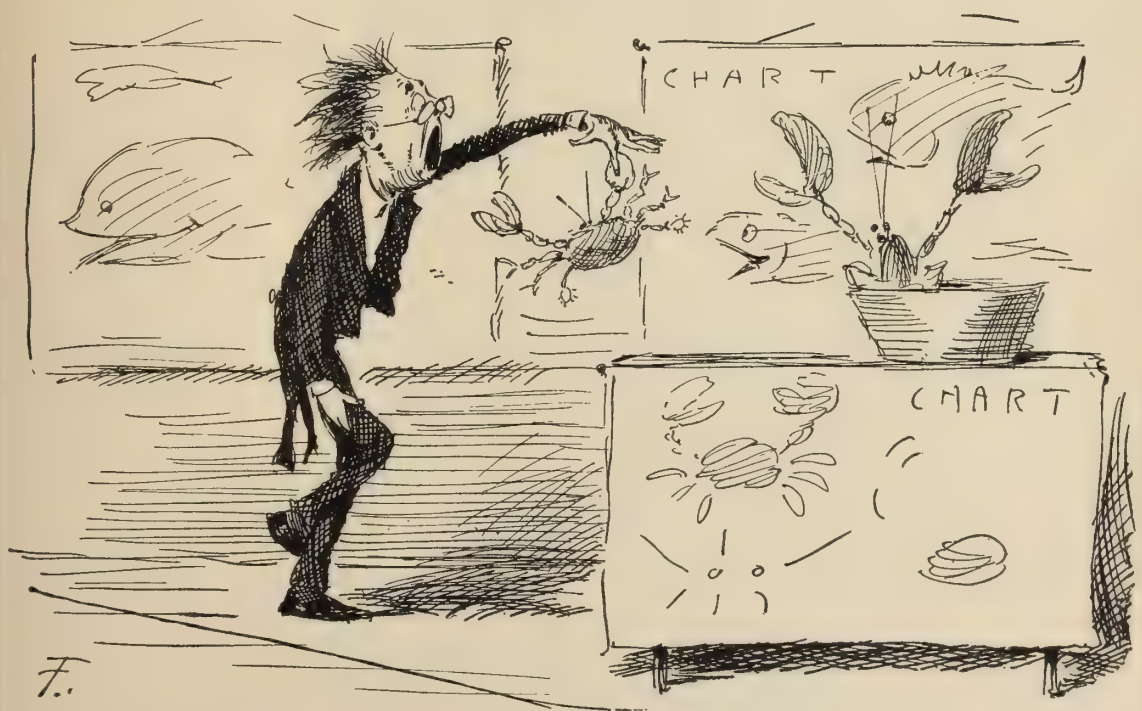


There · was · an · old · codger · who · said ·
"Quite · enough · of · this · hard life · I've · led ·
As · it's · nearly · high · tide ·
I'll · commit · suicide ·
I'll · be · far · better · off · when · I'm · dead :"

Said · this · boy · I · propose · to · arouse ·
Those · picturesque · pasturing · cows ·
Ah! · Wont · they · look · fine ·
As · these · rockets · of · mine ·
Career · through · the · spot · where · they · browse ·



This · professor · selected · a · crab ·
And · observed · "You · will · notice · it · grab ·
At · you · or · at · me."
They · replied · "Yes · we · see ·
O! my! · It's · a · regular "dab"



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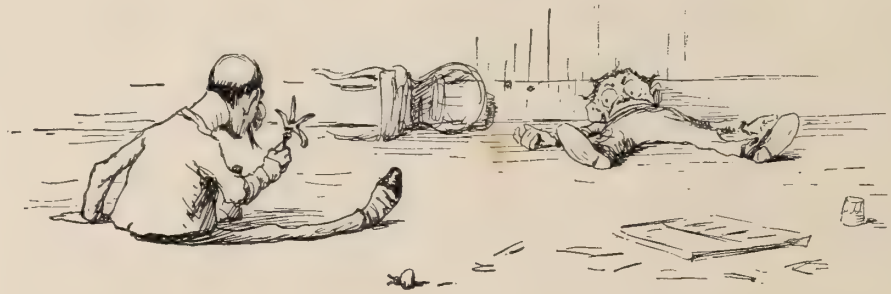
This · gentleman · made · a · display ·
Of · his · talented · parrot · one · day
"It · bites · others," · said · he ·
"But · it · never · bites · me ·
But · the · bird · alas! · gave · him · away ·

There · was · an · old · chap · in · Bay · Shore ·
And · he · said · "Of · red · gold · I've · a · store."
But · it · turned · out · alas! ·
That · his · gold · was · all · brass ·
And · would · not · keep · the · wolf · from · the · door ·

Said · this · old · "coon" · who · hailed · from · Duluth ·
To · the · Dentist · who · looked · at · his · tooth ·
"If · you'll · take · it · away ·
Quite · handsome · I'll · pay ·"
It · was · done : but · 'twas · grievous · in · sooth ·



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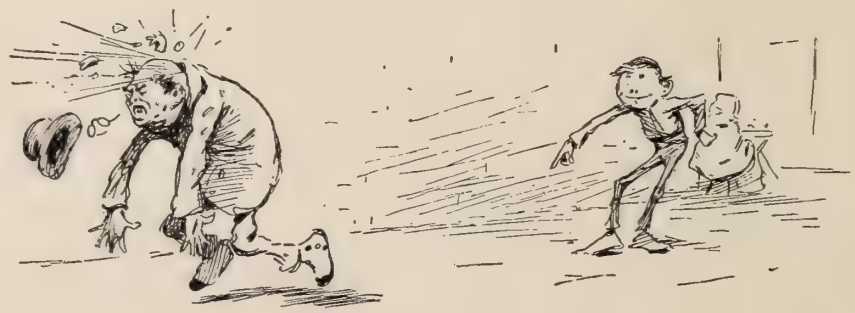
This · ruffian · deadly · and · gruff ·
Thought · the · "old · un" · would · drop · quick · enough ·
But · the · scientist · read ·
From · what · science · has · said ·
And · completly · demolished · the · rough ·

This small boy an orange did buy
His powers of suction to try
But he said "Oh the deuce
It aint got no juice
So at that old chaps head I'll let fly"



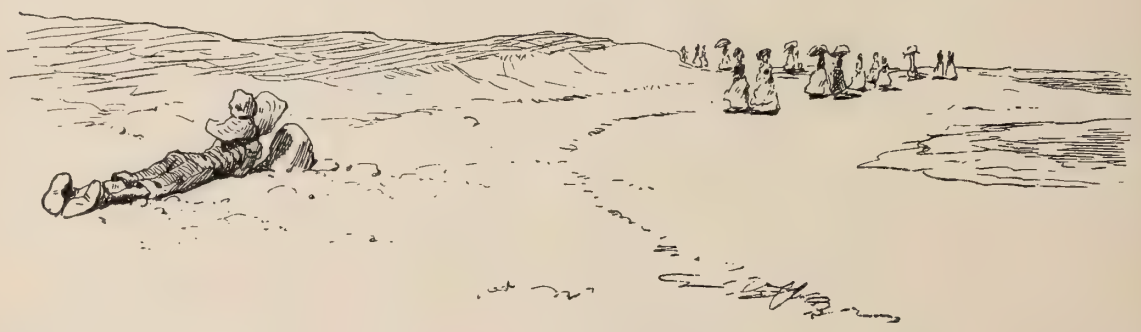
The Balloonists

SAND

There · was · an · old · daddy · in · Troy ·
Who · said "I'm · no · longer · a · boy ·
But · I'll · bet · I · can · show ·
You · chaps · how · to · go ·"
Which · he · did · to · his · own · savage · joy ·

In its zigzag mysterious flight
A moth is not easy to smite
This gent thought he could bring
One down on the wing
But his views were erroneous Quite

Said this person who hails from Glen Cove
"As the beach is quite empty I'll rove."
He hadn't gone far
When his unlucky star
Ran him into young girls quite a drove:



Said · this · duffer · "My · dear · let · us · see ·
What · that · curious · ball · there · can · be ·
Why · its · hornets · I · swear ·
Of yourself · love · take · care ·
This · umbrella · will · answer · for · me ·"

Said this artist "Now dont you suppose
An intelligent man like me Knows
How a horse ought to go
Yet you say I dont know
And believe what a photograph shows:"

Said this little black darky "O my
If I only had wings and could fly.
On dat wall I would set
And de peaches I'd get"
He flew but he flew mock too high.

This · poet · supposed · if · he · gave
His · works · to · an · indian · brave ·
The · red · man · would · melt ·
With · the · joy · that · he · felt ·
The · poet · alas · fills · the · grave ·

"Now · hang · me" · this · wild · Cow Boy · said ·
"I'll · rush · in · and · paint · the · town · red"
But · alas · for · his · plan ·
He · encountered · a · man ·
Who · buried him ..... cause · he · was · dead:

This old lady said "Johnnie come here
And water the caffy my dear"
The calf was untied
And to lead him John tried
But it gave him some trouble we fear

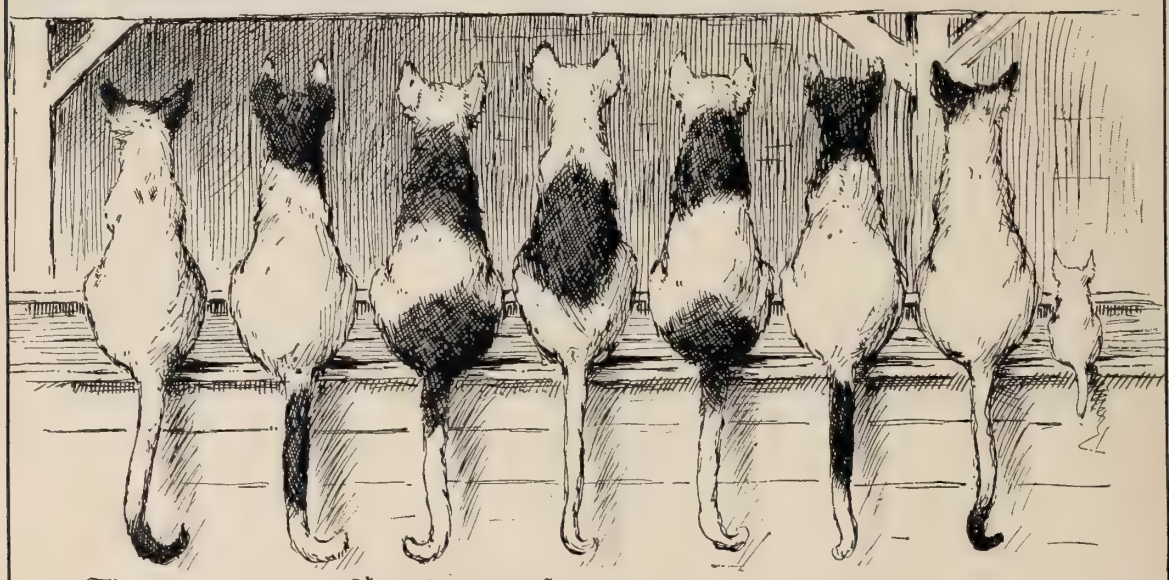
Said this worthy preceptor I guess
While the dear boys are out at recess
A surprise Ill prepare
On each little chair
The surprise was a striking success

This remarkably large Kangaroo
Saw his chance to escape from the Zoo.
{He took it you bet:
Or he'd been in there yet.}
And he then through the multitude flew.

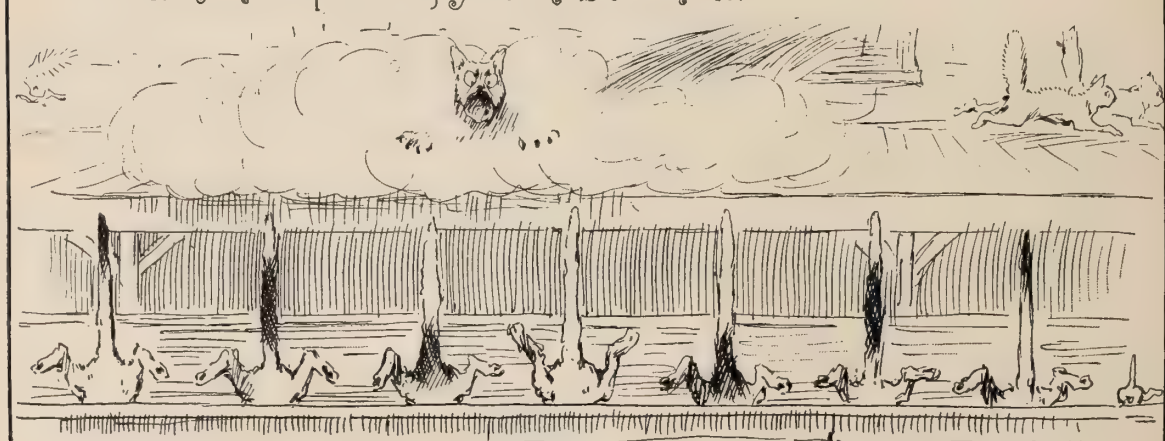
There was a young man in Montclair
Who said "I've that freedom from care
{Let it be understood}
Comes to only the good
For I neither smoke drink chew nor swear."

This · fisherman · said · "What · a · lark ·
"I · will · bait · and · will · angle · for · shark ·
They · pull · it · is · true ·
Tis · a · fact · that · they · do ·"
And · they · quite · verified · the · remark ·

This wolf of this shepherd boy said.
"I will quiet him now till he's dead."
But a high note occured.
And when it was heard.
The wolf dropped the subject and fled.



There · was · an · old · cat · named · Maria.
Who · to · sing · to · high · "C" · did · aspire.
In · the · midst · of · her · wails ·
Came · of · water · two · pails ·
Which · had · previously · been · near · the · fire ·



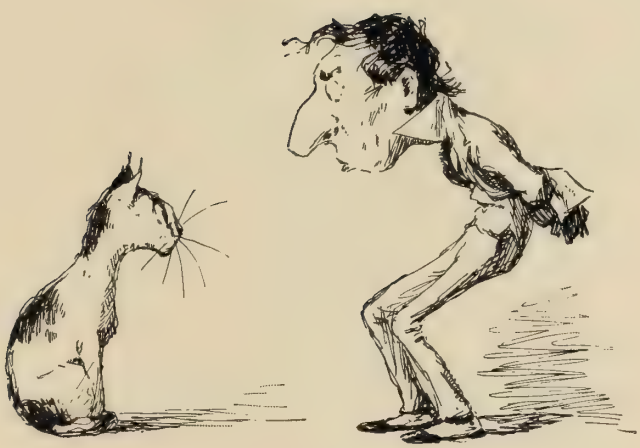
The Power of the Human Eye

He reads an article in a newspaper on the power which some people possess of quelling the most savage beasts by simply looking them steadily in the eye. He is convinced he possesses that power and resolves to make experiments.

He tries it on his wife.

When he regains consciousness it strikes him he must have failed; "possibly it was because I only used <u>one</u> eye," he said.

His wife's pet terrier succumbs promptly and he feels more confident.



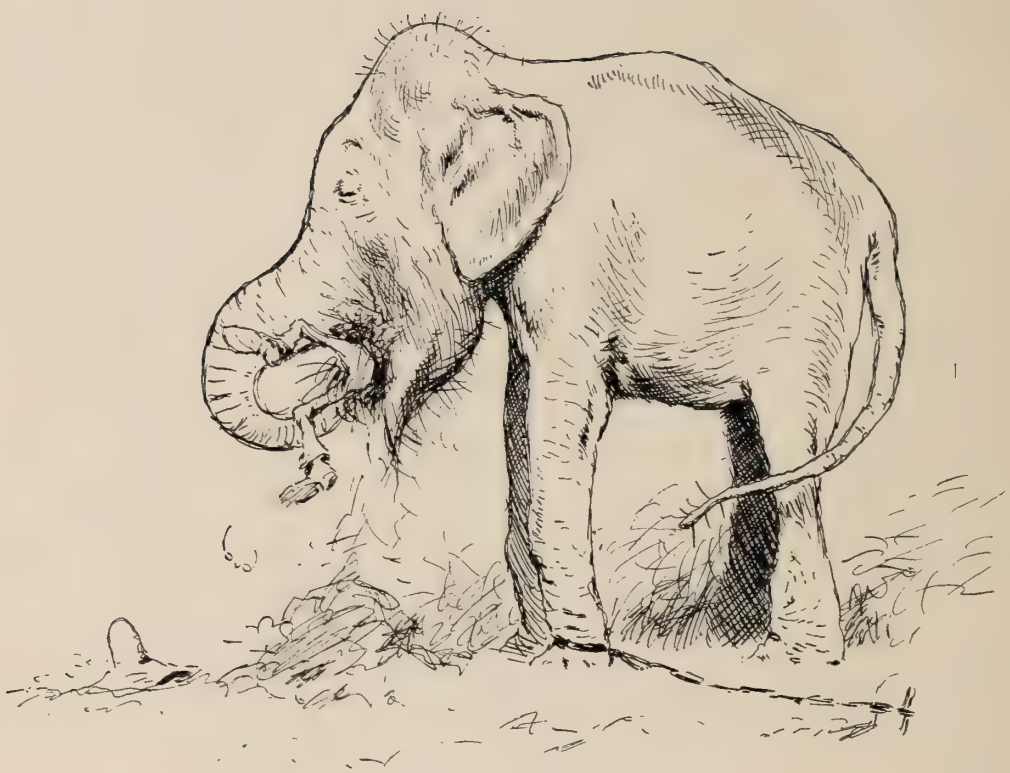
He tries it on the cat.

With rather disheartening result.

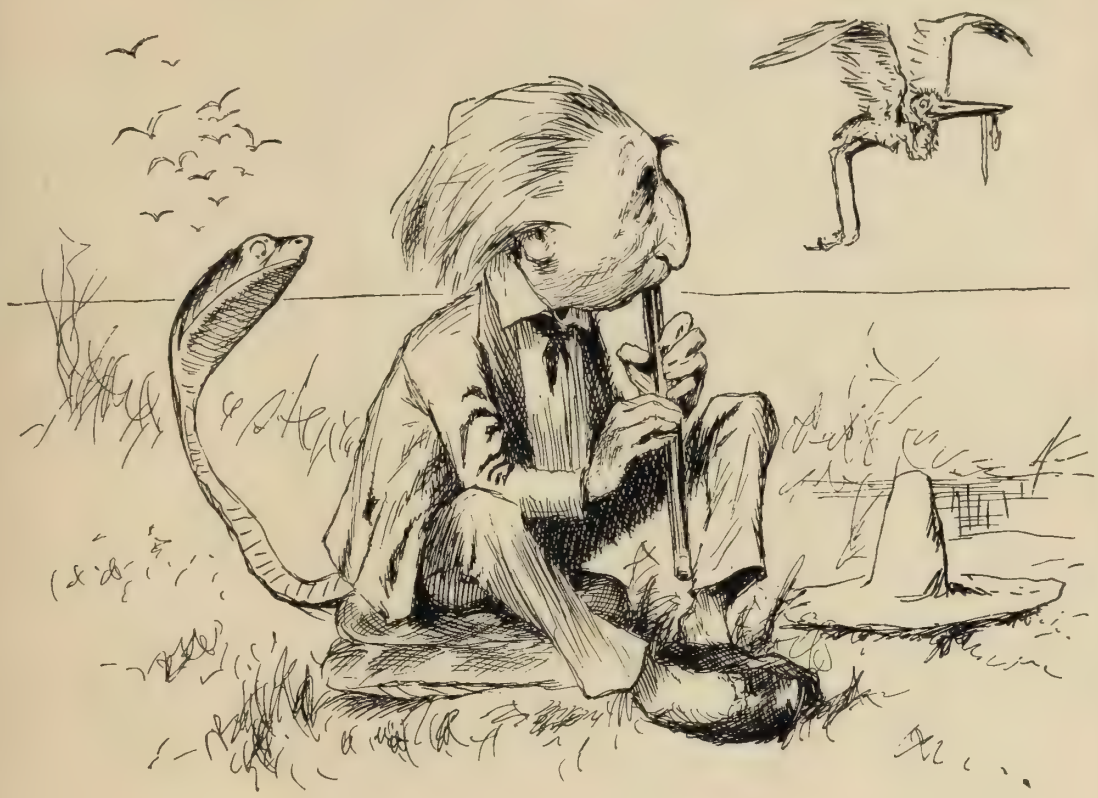
The parrot does not seem to yield as it might, either—

—but the cook's small boy shows most encouraging results

He determines to make a great effort and seeks big game, he puts forth all his power—



—but, alas, fails once more.

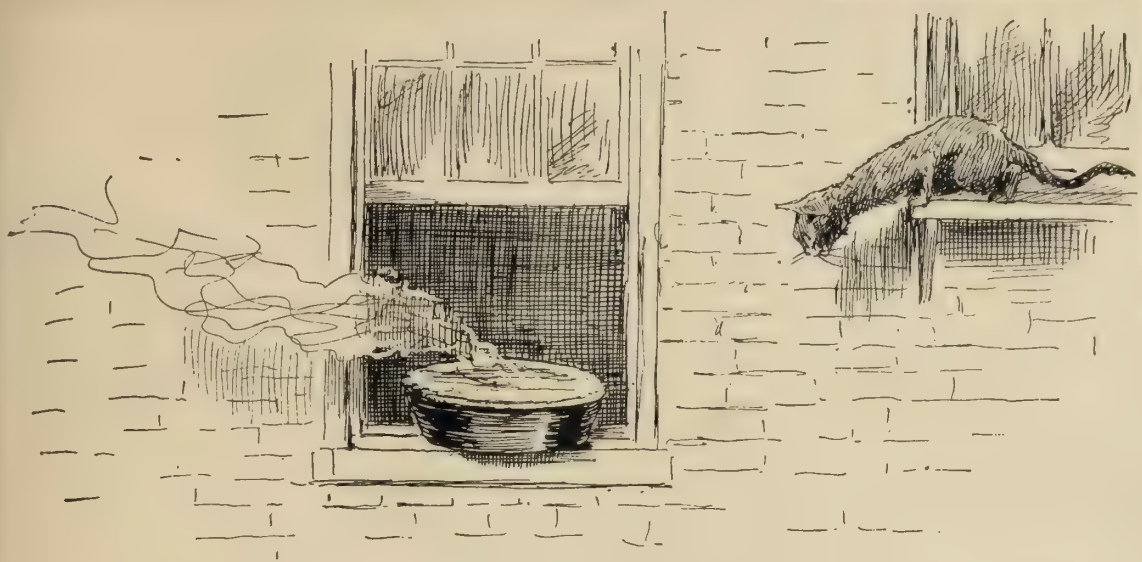


This · musical · man · thought · that · he
Had · a · seat · on · the · stump · of · a · tree ·
He · performed · in · a · way
That · could · move · one · they · say
But · the · tree · could · move · too · as · you · see ·

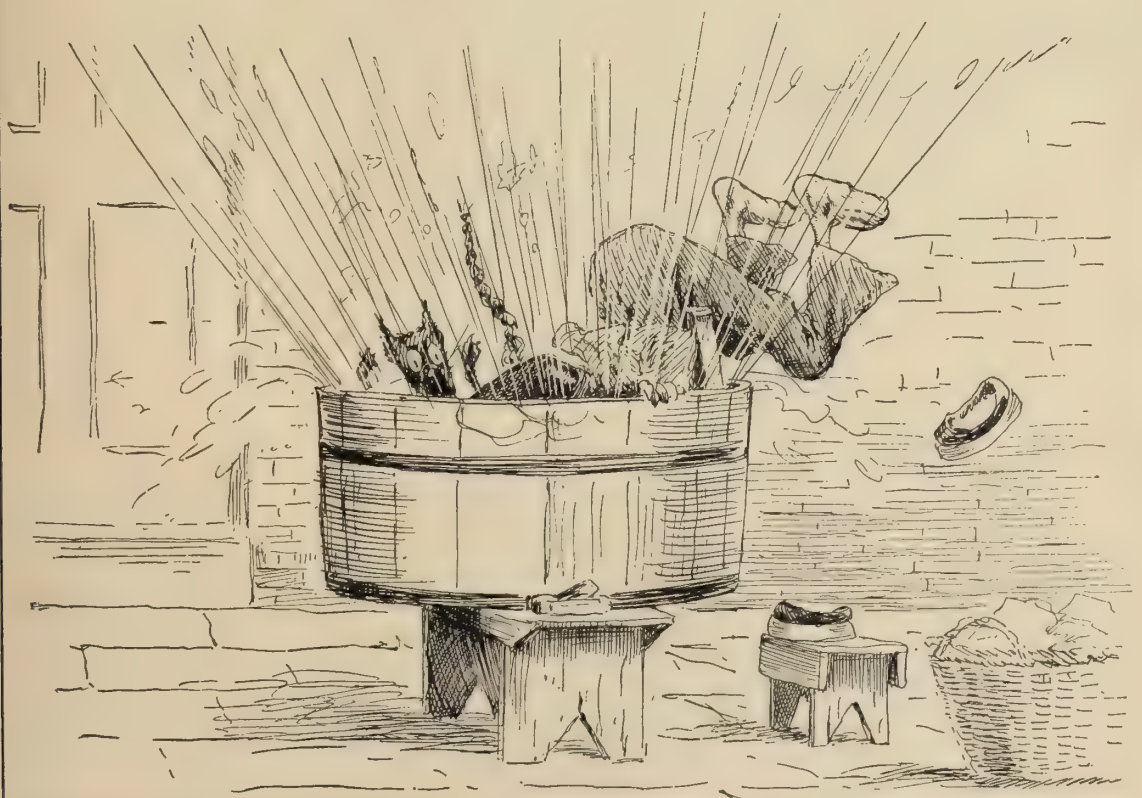
There · was · a · young · man · from · Broadstairs
Who · went · out · one · day · to · hunt · bears.
He · found · them · indeed.
But · it · made · his · heart · bleed ·
For · he · came · on · them · quite · unawares.

Quoth this tramp with the Bowie "O ho
For that old snoozer there I'll lay low"
But the time honored Dick
Like a cyclone could kick
And the tramp never got any show:

These · nurses · could · never · see · why ·
Their · prices · were · thought · to · be · high
When · invited · to · go ·
A · trifle · below ·
To · skip · was · their · only · reply ·

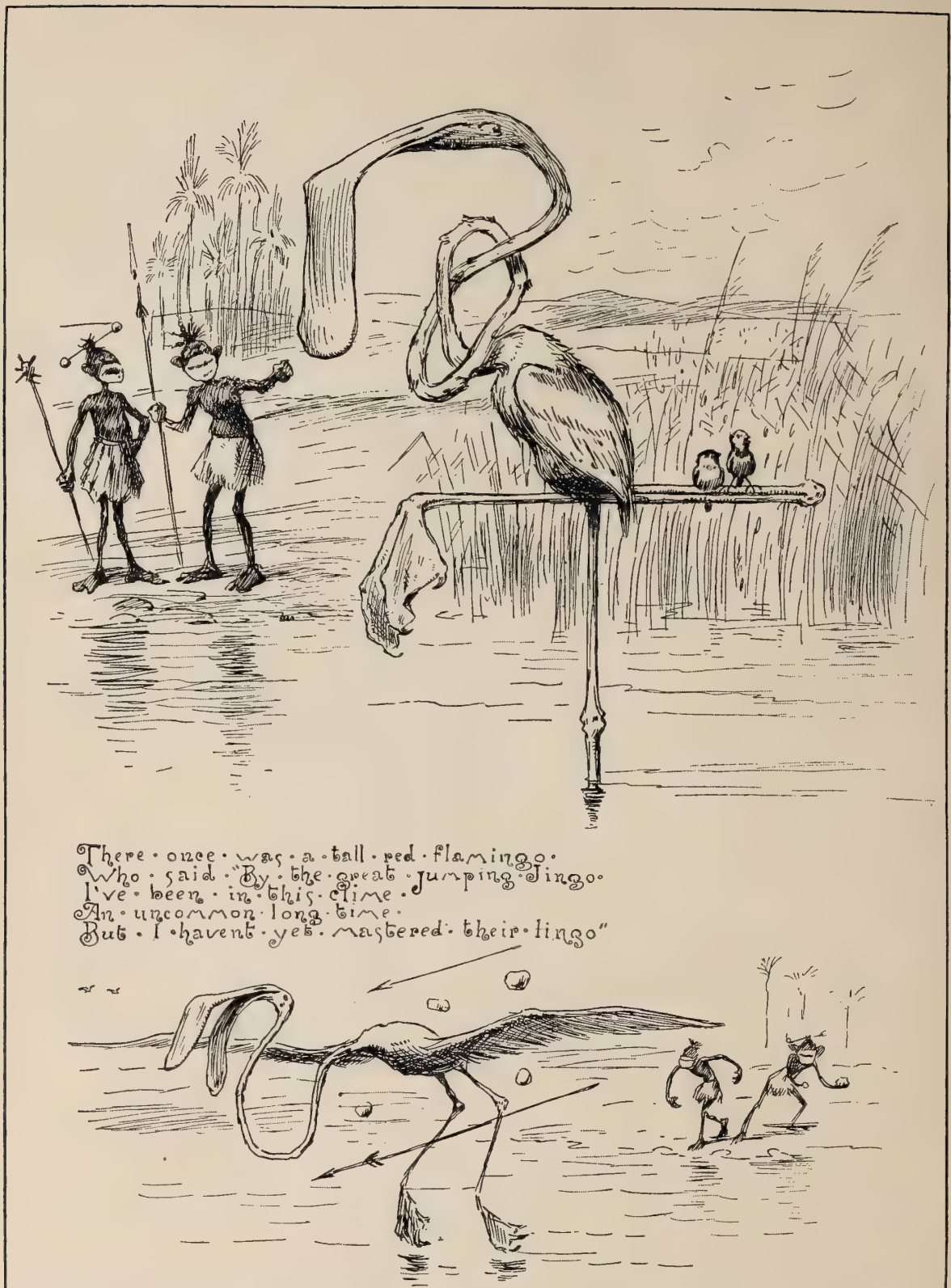


This · tom · cat · exclaimed " O · ho · ho ·
For · that · pudding · I'll · quietly · go "
He · was · grieved · and · surpr · ised ·
When · the dish · all · capsized
And · so · was · the · party · below ;



"This corpulent lunatic cried,
By gravy I'm going to slide."
But he slipt and he fell
And his friends couldn't tell
Where he went to though vainly they tried;

Said · this · snuff · taking · Turk · "Why · with · ease ·
I · can · stifle · the · noisiest · sneeze ·"
But · at · Mosque · one · sad · day ·
His · control · all · gave · way ·
And · he · startled · his · friends · on · their · knees :

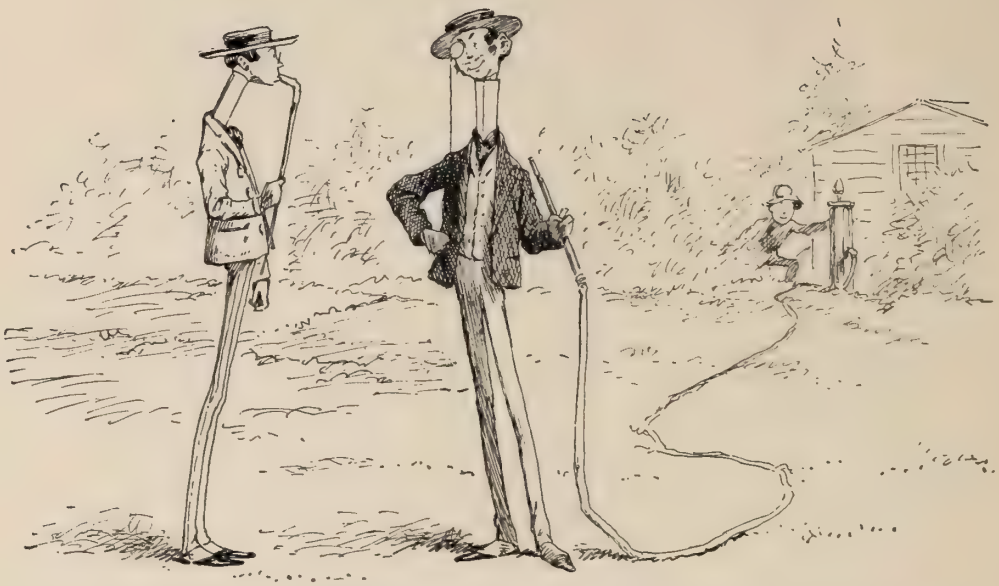


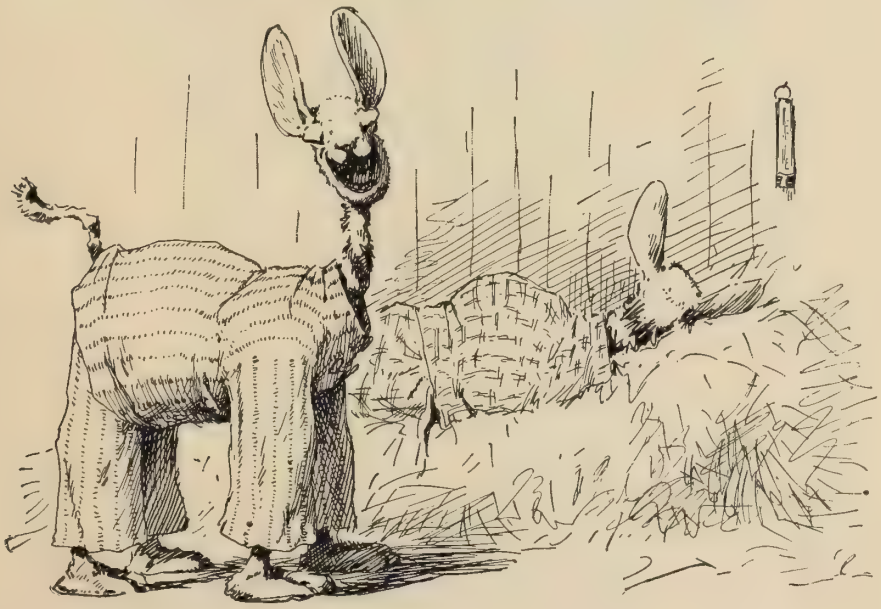
There · once · was · a · tall · red · flamingo ·
Who · said · "By · the · great · jumping · Jingo ·
I've · been · in · this · clime ·
An · uncommon · long · time ·
But · I · havent · yet · mastered · their · lingo"

This · old · lunatic · said "Now · I · trust
That · the · chain · of · that · bull · dog · wont · bust".
But · when · it · gave · way ·
He · said "Bless · me · good · day
I · dont · want · to · leave · but · I · must":

There was an old salt in Nantasket
Set sail for Siam in a basket
When a thumping big shark
Swallowed him and his bark
Was not that a fine burial casket?

There is a young chap named Montrose.
Who has more than his quota of nose.
It's a beautiful thing
In the Summer or Spring
But somewhat in the way when it snows.



Said · this · youth "You · would · hardly · suppose
That · much · water · could · come · through · this · hose"
A · small · boy · as · he · spoke
Saw · a · chance · for · a · joke
And · deluged · the · youth · and · his · clothes ·

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